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*A.*—(*a*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) It is presumed that the reference is to the recovery of fees from pupils belonging to the depressed classes. No general orders on the subject were issued by Government in the Local Self-Government Department on March 9th.

## Excise

*Delay in the acceptance or rejection of bids at abkari sales.*

* 267 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether bids at abkari sales are not promptly accepted or rejected;

(*b*) whether the bids are kept in suspense till dates of resales;

(*c*) if so, whether the old bidders are disabled from withdrawing their bids; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that much hardship is caused to bidders by this method?

*A.*—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested. The conditions applicable to abkari sales are published in advance by the Commissioner of Excise. For the latest notifications on the subject, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the supplements to Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 29th January 1935 and 25th June 1935.

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Famine Relief

*Expenditure on relief works in the Ceded districts.*

268 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money spent this year on relief works in the Ceded districts till the 1st August 1935; and

(*b*) the amounts spent on such relief works during the course of the last twelve years?

*A.*—(*a*) The actual expenditure up to the end of March 1935 is Rs. 2,18,233. The actual figures of expenditure from 1st April 1935 are not yet available. Allotments amounting to Rs. 8,82,000 have been sanctioned for famine relief from the end of March to the end of July 1935. These figures do not include grants made to the district boards for the expansion of ordinary works to provide employment.

(*b*) Particulars are not readily available and their compilation would involve a great deal of time and labour.

## Irrigation

*Publication of the report of the Geological Experts regarding sub-soil survey.*

269 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the result of the recent sub-soil survey by geological experts; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the report of the special officers deputed for such geological survey?

*A.*—The report on the results of the soil survey of the Tungabhadra Project has not yet been received by Government. It is expected to be available only in March 1936.

*Progress of the Tungabhadra Project.*

270 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state at what stage the Tungabhadra Project stands?

*A.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 159 (New No. 152).

## III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* RECONSTITUTION OF GUNTUR DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Sir, I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the issue by the Local Government, of G.O. Ms. No. 2076, Law (Education), dated 17th October 1935, regarding the reconstitution of the Guntur District Educational Council." 12 noon.

* The Hon. the President:—" The hon. Member may explain the urgency of the matter briefly."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Mr. President, Sir, when the taluk boards were abolished, we amended the Elementary Education Act providing that the members of the District Educational Council who were representatives of the taluk boards could be considered to be representatives of the district boards. When the district boards were sought to be bifurcated, we failed to mention in the Act definitely and clearly about this point. I think we have provided in the Act that members of district boards can be members of the district educational council. I do not know the reason why the Government issued this notification one week back. The Tanjore District Board was bifurcated on 17th December 1934. The Government should have issued such a notification then after consulting their legal advisers. The Government slept over the matter. I do not know whether they